**Honors Vocabulary Lists 1 and 2**

Banal- commonplace, devoid of freshness or originality, stale.

Bellicose- inclined or eager to fight; aggressively hostile; belligerent; pugnacious.

Finesse- done in, a smooth manner.

Glib- articulate, readily fluent, often thoughtlessly, superficially, or insincerely expressed.

Lampoon- sharply satirical writing,

Lugubrious- mournful, dismal, or gloomy, especially in an affected, exaggerated, or unrelieved manner:

Nefarious- villainous, infamous; having a bad reputation.

Nemesis- an opponent or rival whom a person cannot best or overcome.

Pseudonym- a fictitious name used by an author to conceal his or her identity; pen name.

Purloin- to take dishonestly; steal; filch; pilfer.

Abject- to be sluggish, indifferent, utterly hopeless, miserable, humiliating, or wretched.

Admonish- to caution, advise, or counsel against something.

Commensurate- in proper proportions; same scale.

Distraught- state of mental conflict; distracted; deeply agitated.

Euphemism- a nice way of saying something rude or harsh.

Nebulous- hazy, vague, not clearly defined.

Phlegmatic- stoic, cold, unfeeling, not easily excited to action or display of emotion; apathetic; sluggish.

Propriety- conformity to established standards of good or proper behavior or manners.

Prosaic- commonplace or dull; matter-of-fact or unimaginative*.*

Revile- to assail with abusive language.